Movement of Containers between Guwahati Inland Container Depot and Calcutta Port

*27. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated time the container is likely to take to move between Guwahati Inland Container Depot and the Calcutta Port, both loaded and empty;

(b) what are the details of agencies to be responsible in case the container is delayed or damaged in transit;

(c) whether Government have formulated any guidelines in the matter; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The transit time will be approximately six to seven days, for both loaded and empty containers.

(b) to (d) Such cases will be dealt with by Railways in accordance with the extant Rules. No new guidelines have been issued. Railways will ensure transit within a reasonable time.

After effects of the Bhopal Gas Tragedy

*28. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELWARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a survey on pregnant women in Bhopal was carried out by doctors after the gas tragedy;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that out of the 3000 children born in Bhopal after the gas tragedy till middle of May 1985, 200 were still-born, 400 died later and there is not a single living child who is normal and healthy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir. A study on 'Teratogenic effects of MIC' on pregnant women exposed at the time of the gas leak in Bhopal has been launched by the Indian Council of Medical Research.

(b) Preliminary data obtained till mid-May 1985 shows that:

Total number of pregnant women exposed to MIC. 3259

1. currently pregnant 1455
2. No. delivered/aborted 1804
   (i) Abortion 463 (14.2%)
   (ii) Still births 27 (2.1%)
   (iii) Live births 1314
   (iv) Neo-natal deaths ..87 (6.6%)
3. No. of neonates examined—645
   Congenital malformations .... 9(1.3%)

(c) No, Sir.

Proposal for ban on setting up New Medical Colleges

*29. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:
SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal, under Government's consideration to impose ban on the setting up of new medical colleges without creating proper facilities; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?